

EUPHORBIA DENTATA IN NEW ENGLAND

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On August 19, 1976, I collected specimens of *Euphorbia dentata* Michx. from a stand found in Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. The plants were growing in cracks in the pavement of a vacant lot.

In the eighth, corrected edition of *Gray's Manual of Botany* (1) and the revised edition of *The New Britton and Brown Illustrated Flora of the Northeastern United States and Adjacent Canada* (2), the easternmost range of *Euphorbia dentata* Michx. is listed as New York state. No mention of this species is made in *The Flora of New England* (3). Because it appears that there are no previous records of the presence of this species in New England, I felt it important to report this collection. A specimen of this spurge has been submitted to the herbarium of the New England Botanical Club.

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